

REMARKS

Applicants thank Examiner Lee for her courteous and congenial telephone interview with Applicants' representative on September 20, 2005.

Claims 1-12 are pending in the present application.

Claims 1, 4, 7 and 8 are amended to more particularly point out and distinctly claim the invention. The claims are amended to recite "one or more quinone compounds and one or more acylesters of triethanolamine". Support in the specification is at page 8, line 20 to page 9, line 9.

Claims 1-6 and 8-10 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as allegedly anticipated by U.S. 5,112,721 to Kuchta (with U.S. 6,869,746 to Matsumoto et al.). Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection.

Kuchta does not teach the combination of one or more quinone compounds in combination with one or more acylesters of triethanolamine as recited in present claims 1, 4, and 8. Accordingly, Kuchta does not anticipate claims 1-6 and 8-10.

Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the rejection of claims 1-6 and 8-10 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as allegedly anticipated by U.S. 5,112,721 to Kuchta (with U.S. 6,869,746 to Matsumoto et al.).

Claims 7, 11 and 12 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as allegedly unpatentable over U.S. 5,112,721 to Kuchta in combination with U.S. 6,835,789 to Kneafsey et al. Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection.

Claim 7 is amended to recite "one or more quinone compounds and one or more acylesters of triethanolamine". Kuchta alone or in combination with Kneafsey do not teach or suggest an imaging composition having such a combination of compounds. Both are totally silent on the recited combination. Accordingly, claims 7, 11 and 12 are patentable over Kuchta in combination with Kneafsey.

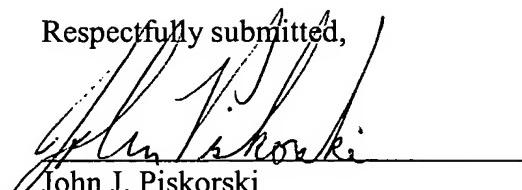
Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the rejection of claims 7, 11 and 12 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over U.S. 5,112,721 to Kuchta in combination with U.S. 6,835,789 to Kneafsey.

Favorable consideration and allowance of claims 1-12 are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner have any questions concerning this response or this application, or should she believe this application is for any reason not yet in condition for allowance, she is

respectfully requested to telephone the undersigned at the number set forth below in order to expedite allowance of this application.

Respectfully submitted,



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